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Production of VEB Luena-Werke Walter Ulbricht, Leuna¹

	<u>January 1955</u>	<u>February 1955</u>	
1. Gasoline	17,000	16,200	
Diesel fuel	7,000	4,500	25X1
Propane	89	31	
Driving gas	1,660	1,230	
Ethane	377	358	
Fuel oil	1,452	2,070	
Methanol	5,270	5,090	
Isobutyl oil	2,340	3,418	
Pure isobutyl	1,015	1,625	

2. Production of liquid fuels in the first quarter is normally below the average for the year. This is because some of the basic equipment (compressors in particular) is used in the production of both fuel and fertilizers, and there is a very heavy demand for the latter at the beginning of every year, which makes necessary a reduction in the fuel output.
3. In addition to the seasonal decrease of fuel production in January and February, there has been a further reduction this year because of a reduction in the quantity of crude oil delivered from Austria.² The reason for this reduction is not known, but there is talk of the quantity being made up by imports from the USSR and Rumania. Tar is no longer hydrogenated at Leuna; this ceased in 1951/2.

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4. Electric power production

Total generated in 1954	1,480,723,000 kwh
Planned production in 1955	1,540,200,000 kwh

One new turbine was installed during 1954 capable of 20,000 kva.

5. Tank cars and tank trucks

On 1 January 1955, Leuna transferred to the control of the Reichsbahn tank car department (Kesselwagenleitstelle) 687 tanks cars with a total capacity of 11,847 metric tons. Of these, 612 were 2-axled, the remainder (75) 4-axled.³

6. The bulk of the liquid fuel produced at Leuna is shipped from the plant in railroad tank cars, although a small proportion is collected directly by the state-controlled distributing agency (Deutsche Handelszentrale Kraftstoffe und Mineraloel) in its own tank trucks. The number averages ten daily. The plant itself owns a few tank trucks but these are for internal use only. Russian vehicles do not call.

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2. [redacted] Comment: The reduction in output and import of crude oil from Austria is widely discussed in the Leuna plant since it has caused production bonuses paid to employees to be reduced. It is of interest to note that in the trade agreement between the USSR and East Germany signed on 24 March 1955, provision is made for the import of crude oil from the USSR, an item not previously included in these agreements. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment: The date of this transfer coincides with that set for the first transfer of tank cars owned by former Russian-controlled plants (SAGs) 25X1

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